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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Visits of Inspection to SSU Stations.

1. On 14 May, a memorandum on the subject, from the Acting Chief of Operational Services, was transmitted to the Central Planning Staff for comment as to the exact scope of the inspections to be made.

2. Comment by C.P.S. was withheld pending receipt of the analysis promised by the Acting Chief of Operational Services. That analysis was received by C.I.G. on 17 May but was not received by the Central Planning Staff until 5 June 1946.

3. The detailed plans were submitted by the Acting Chief of Operational Services under the titles:

a. Proposed Itinerary and Background Material for CIO-SSU Inspection Tour of Europe and the Near East.

b. Recommended Survey Trip of Far East SSU Installations.

4. The plans are considered excellent and their early execution is recommended. However, there are certain comments which study of the plans invites, as follows:

a. Tour of Europe and Near East:

(1) Third sub-paragraph under paragraph 1 proposes that the team would "brief SSU field personnel for the first time with a personal summary of SSU's position, vis-a-vis C.I.G. etc." The fact is obvious that the SSU field personnel are much concerned about their future and it is equally obvious that morale would be helped if some positive assurance with regard to their future might be given them officially. A summary of N.I.A. Directive No. 4 could be carried by the team and explained to the field personnel. However, it is felt that any "personal summary" of this matter would be inadvisable.

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b. Survey of Far East SSU Installations.

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